Piped LPG Supply in Bombay

1757. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to give piped LPG supply to the users in Bombay city;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the areas in Bombay that will be covered by this project; and

(d) by when this project is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) There is no proposal at present to give piped LPG to the users in Bombay City.

Setting up Petrol Pumps between Sion and Thane

1758. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that between Sion and Thane on the Eastern Express Highway of Bombay there is no Petrol Pump;

(b) whether it is a fact that setting up of a Petrol Pump on this stretch of the Highway will prove very useful to the motorists;

(c) what steps are being taken to set up the petrol pump; and

(d) what are the exact details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) As per the rules of Express Highway, no petrol pump can be opened unless a parallel service road is available. There is no service road in the Sion—Thane stretch. In view of this, there is no plan or possibility of setting up a petrol pump there at present.

Waiting List for LPG Connections in Bombay

1759. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long waiting list for LPG connections in Bombay city;

(b) since when applications are on the waiting list;

(c) what is the total number of waitlisted applications of Bombay city; and

(d) what steps are being taken to give new connections to the applicants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) As on 1.10.1993, there were 3.3 lakhs of applicants on the waiting list in Bombay. The waiting period for new LPG connections depends upon the number of persons on the waiting list with the distributor and also the annual programme for enrolment of new customers.

(d) Higher LPG production is planned by increasing the capacity of existing production sources and by putting up new plants and augmenting the supplies through imports.

Oil Exploration in Cauvery Basin

1760. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount was spent in exploring oil in the Cauvery basin as on March, 1993;

(b) what is the quantum of crude oil so far produced in this area; and

(c) what are the new areas explored for oil in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The amount spent including depreciation till March, 1993, was as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

(1)	Survey	203.61
(2)	Exploratory Drilling	571.03
	Onshore	437.04
	Offshore	
	Total	1211.68

(b) The cumulative crude oil production till September, 1993 was about 1.33 MMT.

(c) In addition to drilling for delineating the hydrocarbon finds already made in Narimanam, Kamlapuram, Tiruvarur and Mattur and Vadaterru, the new areas identified for exploratory drilling in Tamil Nadu State are Vanjiyur, Tandanthotam, Vadakukottai, Palkolam and Perungulam. Presently, in addition to above, seismic data is being acquired in Panruti, Mayavaram—Tirukkadaiyar and northwest for Narimanam areas.

Implementation of Second South Basin Hazira Gas Pipeline

1761. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) has jeoparadised the implementation of Second South Basin in Hazira Gas Pipeline by messing up the selection of pipe-coators to accommodate a non-responsive bidder affiliated to an influential media growth;

(b) whether it is a fact that the implementation of this trunk pipeline has become uncertain following an interim order issued by the Calcutta High Court restraining ONGC from issuing letter of credit or awarding a Rs. 200 crore contract for pipe coating;

(c) whether it is also a fact that any further delay in the project will adversely affect the gas-based industries set-up along HBJ pipeline;

(d) whether it is a fact that the root cause of the dispute is ONGC's failure to incorporate a clear-cut criteria for pre-qualifying the bidders and its tendency to change the tender conditions; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, sir.

(b) The interim orders have since been vacated by the High Court.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

गैस प्रज्वलन को कम करने के लिए परियोजनाएं

1762. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार उन सभी कुंओं में प्रज्वलन को कम करने के लिए जहां वर्तमान में गैस जल रही है, परियोजनायें आरम्भ करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये परियोजनायें कब से आरम्भ होंगी तथा इस संबंध में शून्य स्तर के लक्ष्य को कब तक प्राप्त कर लिया जायेगा; और

(ग) इसके परिणामस्वरूप गैस की कितनी घरेलू मांग को पूरा किया जायेगा?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) से (ग) आज की स्थिति के अनुसार देश में कुल 4.85 एम एम एस सी एम डी प्राकृतिक गैस जलायी जा रही है। इसमें से 1.88 एम एम एस सी एम डी की मात्रा पूर्वी क्षेत्र में मांग की कमी के कारण जलायी जा रही है। शेष 2.97 एम एम एस सी एम डी में से 1.40 एम एम एस सी